

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Sixth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Sixth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (619) of these admissions reside in the Sixth Norfolk Representative District. 3% (20) of admissions from the Sixth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Sixth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 68% were male and 32% were female.
- 62% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 5% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 60% were never married, 19% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 23% had less than high school education, 50% completed high school, and 27% had more than high school education.
- 36% were employed.
- 7% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Sixth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	45%	34%	5%	5%	3%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Sixth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	417	355	108	109	43	78	52
FY '96	345	303	107	108	54	50	32
FY '97	472	406	97	119	75	98	67
FY '98	440	369	92	94	56	83	65
FY '99	476	372	126	138	83	135	85
FY '00	535	419	146	126	58	164	113
FY '01	524	396	139	136	64	148	95
FY '02	619	432	144	157	71	237	163